Insurgents, hide-outs in neighbouring countries

825. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of hide outs/camps of insurgent outfits in the neighbouring foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of India has taken up the matter with the concerned countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government is aware about the existence of camps of North East Indian insurgent groups in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan, which are being used by them for safe heavens, sanctuary, training purposes and launching of operations against Indian civilians and Security forces.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken up the matter with the Governments of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Royal Government of Bhutan. The Governments of Bangladesh and Myanmar have assured that they will not allow these elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India. The Royal Government of Bhutan had launched operations in December 2003, against Indian insurgent groups in their territory and destroyed their 30 camps.

Status of the amendment of Article 371 of the Constitution

826. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had sent any proposal seeking amendment of Article 371 of the Constitution to remove regional imbalance and to promote comprehensive development of Hyderabad-Karnataka region;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) A proposal was received from the Government of Karnataka to amend Article 371 of the Constitution of India